

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1202 - SB 1394

February 21, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a member of the Health Services and Development Agency (HSDA) to participate in meetings by electronic means if a health-related reason or other good cause prevents the member from in-person attendance. Requires prior written notice and approval from the Executive Director.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-44-108, members of certain governing bodies are authorized to meet electronically if a physical quorum is present at the meeting location, except in certain circumstances. Members who participate electronically are not eligible to receive per diem.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-11-1604(d)(1), all HSDA members receive reimbursement for travel and necessary expenses in the performance of their duties.
- Passage of the proposed legislation will authorize HSDA members to participate in meetings electronically under limited circumstances and with prior written approval.
- Due to the specific criteria established for electronic participation, it is reasonably assumed the number of HSDA members present for in-person meetings will be similar to current participation rates; therefore, any decrease in expenditures associated with a reduction in travel reimbursements for members participating electronically is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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